

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1 through 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) A method of delivering sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space, wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within the fixed space;

transmitting, under said transmission protocol, said audio signal collected from said first location to an earpiece worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space; and

receiving said audio signal with said earpiece, wherein said earpiece is configured to operate under said first transmission protocol.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the transmission protocol comprises a transmission frequency.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the transmission protocol comprises a spreading code.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the transmission protocol comprises an encryption procedure.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of delivering sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space,
wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within
said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within the fixed space;
transmitting, under said transmission protocol, said audio signal collected from
said first location to an earpiece each worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals
within said fixed space; and

receiving said audio signal with said earpiece, wherein said earpiece is
configured to operate under said first transmission protocol and

~~the method of claim 11 further comprises the steps of:~~

collecting an audio signal generated at a second location within said fixed
space;

transmitting, under a second transmission protocol, said audio signal
collected from said second location to an earpiece worn by at least one of said
plurality of individuals within said fixed space and at a distance from said first
location;

and,

wherein the step of receiving said audio signal with said earpiece comprises
receiving said audio signal with said earpiece, wherein said earpiece is configured to
selectably operate under said first transmission protocol or said second transmission
protocol, thereby permitting an operator of said ear piece to select one of said first or
second location within said fixed space that operator would like to listen to.

16. (Previously presented) A method of conducting business by deriving
revenue from distributing sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the
method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space,
wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within
said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within the fixed space;

transmitting, under said transmission protocol, said audio signal to an earpiece worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space; and
charging a fee to at least one of said individuals in exchange for said earpiece.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting business by deriving revenue from distributing sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space, wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within [[a]] the fixed space [[at a particular event]];

transmitting, under [[a particular]] said transmission protocol, said audio signal to an earpiece each worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space; and

~~The method of claim 16, further comprises the steps of:~~

~~collecting an audio signal generated at a second location within a fixed space;
and~~

~~transmitting, under a second transmission protocol, said audio signal collected from said second location to an earpiece worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space;~~

18. (Previously presented) A method of deriving revenue from the distribution of sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space, wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within the fixed space;

transmitting, under said transmission protocol, said audio signal to an earpiece worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space; and

deriving revenue from distribution of said earpiece.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein deriving revenue from distribution of said earpiece comprises the exchange of money for said earpiece.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein deriving revenue from distribution of said earpiece comprises selling advertising time scheduled during intervals of transmission.

21. (Previously presented) A system for delivering sound to a plurality of individuals, comprising:

one or more audio collection units for collecting one or more audio signals from one or more locations within a fixed space;

one or more signal conditioning units coupled to said one or more audio collection units for conditioning said one or more audio signals without introducing an audio signal generated from outside said one or more locations; and

one or more transmitters configured and arranged to transmit said one or more audio signals under one or more transmission protocols, such that each of said one or more audio signals is transmitted under its own transmission protocol, the transmission protocol under which each of said one or more audio signals is transmitted being assigned to an event occurring within the fixed space, and not being assigned to a subsequent event occurring within said fixed space.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein said one or more audio collection units comprise one or more microphones.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein said one or more audio collection units comprise one or more parabolic microphones.

24. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein the one or more transmitters are configured and arranged to employ a particular spreading code, such that a

spreading code that is used for transmission of an audio signal collected from one of the one or more locations during a particular event is not re-used for transmission of another audio signal collected from another of the one or more locations.

25. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein the one or more transmitters are configured and arranged to employ a particular encryption procedure, such that an encryption procedure that is used for transmission of an audio signal collected from one of the one or more locations during a particular event is not re-used for transmission of another audio signal collected from another of the one or more locations.

26. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein the one or more transmitters are configured and arranged to carry the audio signal on a carrier signal at a particular frequency, such that a carrier signal of a particular frequency that is used for carrying an audio signal collected from one of the one or more locations during a particular event is not re-used for carrying another audio signal collected from another of the one or more locations.